

Johnson House
Monmouth, Illinois
Warren Co.

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JOHNSON HOUSE
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NORTHERN ILLINOIS

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Project No. 26-23

By W.J. O'Connor

SOURCE

Mr. Charles
E. Connell,
son of
Mrs. Sarah
Connell, an
early owner.

From verbal testimony obtainable from a neighbor and son of a former owner of this house, a Mrs. Chas. E. Connell, we are told this house was built about 1849 and was first occupied by a family by name of Johnson. It appears quite certain that this Mr. Johnson, about whom no information is obtainable, was the one who caused this house to be built.

Johnson sold this property to Mrs. Sarah Connell about 1865, who in turn deeded it to her daughter when she became the wife of Mr. Breed, about 1872.

Mrs. Breed, who is at this time some 85 years of age is invalided and afflicted with loss of memory, but still owns the house and is cared for by her daughter who is completely unfamiliar with any of the buildings history.

The building stands in fair condition in its original state with the exception of new composition roofing. The second floor bed rooms are at present used as store rooms and are in a run-down condition.

The house has a foundation of native stone and a small cellar, used for wood storage, under the south bed room of the first floor. All structural members are of oak with clapboards and exterior trim of white pine. The floors of the bed rooms on the second floor are of pine as also are the floors of rear bed room, kitchen and pantry on the first floor. The balance of the rooms are floored with walnut. All interior trim is white pine painted grey.

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